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Overview

Makes changes in laws governing the Geospatial Information Office.

Section

- 1** **Discretionary powers.** Strikes authority for the office to enter into contracts, receive grants, appoint task forces, and sponsor conferences.
- 2** **Geospatial Advisory Council.** Repeals the state government Geospatial Advisory Council, leaving in place a geospatial advisory council that has representatives from state and local government and the private sector. Strikes a June 30, 2015 expiration date for this council.
- 3** **Electronic geospatial data.** Defines electronic geospatial data for purposes of the law governing the Geospatial Information Office.
- 4** **Government sharing of electronic geospatial data.** Requires that electronic geospatial government data created by a government entity must be shared at no cost with other government entities, the Gopher State One Call notification center, and federal and tribal agencies. Requires a release of data to include metadata or other documentation that identifies the original authoritative source. Provides that a government entity is not required to provide the same data to the same requestor more than four times per year. Provides that government entities sharing and receiving this data are immune from civil liability arising out of use of the shared electronic geospatial data. Provides that this subdivision does not authorize release of data that are not public data.
- 5** **Repealer.** Repeals section 16E.30 subdivision 4 (duties of chief geospatial information office), and subdivision 5 (fees for providing information services and products).

